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BATAVIA to sail on WEDNESDAY, 1st November 1876.
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				Nov. 1876.
NIZAM	2725	450	A. E. Barlow	6th—Southampton.
SURAT	3141	530	G. C. Burne	13th—Suez, &c.
PEKIN	3777	600	W. Woolcott	20th—Southampton.
DECCAN	3429	550	J. D. Gaby	27th—Suez, &c.
				Dec.
NEPAUL	3536	600	R. Methven	4th—Southampton.
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GEORGE F. HENRY, Superintendent.
Bombay, 20th Oct. 1876.

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GEORGE F. HENRY.
Bombay, 21st Oct. 1876. Superintendent.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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TO-DAY, MONDAY, 23RD OCTOBER.
The performance will commence with the comedietta,
SANDFORD AND MERTON.
To conclude with H. J. Byron's Burlesque Extravaganza,
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NOTICE.—MR. SOLOMON DAVID SASSOON has been admitted a PARTNER in our FIRM in BOMBAY, LONDON and CALCUTTA.

DAVID SASSOON & Co.

Forbes Street, Bombay, 23rd October 1876.

NEW BERAR COMPANY, LIMITED.—NOTICE is hereby given, that the THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company has, on the 27th instant, been adjourned to 2 P.M., MONDAY, the 23rd October, at the Registered Office of the Company, Rampart Row, Treacher's Building.

Mr. Jehangheer Hormusjee will propose that the following Special Resolution be passed, viz:—

That the words "and thenceforward one Director shall retire" be expunged from Article 52 of the Articles of Association of the Company, and in lieu thereof the following words be substituted, viz., "and thenceforward two Directors shall retire."

O. FIEDLER, Chairman.

Bombay, 16th October 1876.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.—NOTICE—The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the Chamber of Commerce will be held on TUESDAY next, the 31st instant, at 12 o'clock Noon at the Offices of the Chamber for the transaction of the following business:—

1. To receive the Report of the outgoing Committee, and to elect a Committee for the ensuing year.
2. To consider a proposed addition to the Rules of the Chamber regulating the payment of difference of Freight stated in Sterling payable in Bombay, and
3. To consider a proposal that the Funds at the credit of the Measurement Fee Account be transferred to the Chamber's General Fund.

The attendance of Members is particularly requested.

By Order of the Committee,
J. GORDON, Secretary.

Bombay Chamber of Commerce, 21st October 1876.

THE BOMBAY MECHANICS' BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.—NOTICE.—The ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the abovementioned Company will be held at the Company's Branch Office, No. 4, Hummum Street, Fort, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st November, at 4-30 P.M., for the transaction of the undermentioned business:

1. To receive the Report of the Directors, and the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st July 1876.
2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To elect a Director for the current year in place of Mr. Newell, who retires in rotation, but is eligible for re-election.
4. To elect an Auditor or Auditors for the current year, and to fix his or their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from 24th instant to 1st proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
W. J. FARROW, Secretary.

Bombay, 20th October 1876.

THE BROACH MILLS COMPANY, LIMITED.—NOTICE is hereby given, that the SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 27 Meadow Street, Fort, on MONDAY, the 30th instant, at 3 P.M., to transact the following business:—

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Statements of Accounts for the year ending 30th June 1876.
2. To elect Directors in the place of those retiring by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election.
3. To appoint Auditors for the ensuing year, and to fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 30th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
COWASJEE EDULJEE PATELL,
Bombay, 21st October 1876. Secretary.

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Competitors should send their names and addresses in a sealed envelope with their contributions, bearing outside the *nom de plume* or motto with which their composition is signed. Each competitor must also forward a subscription, which will entitle him or her to a copy of the Annual.

No contributions can be received later than the 12th of December.

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Warm Suits	30 to 40	0	Caps	6-8 to	8	Sovereign Boxes	3 to	4
Overcoats and Inverness Capes, from	35 to 65	0	Travelling Hats	3-8 to	4	Tiffin Baskets	10 to 16	0
Dressing Gowns	9 to 20	0	Cardigan Jackets, very warm	9-8 to	12	Air Pillows	5	0
Pyjamas	3	0	Sheets, per pair	9	8	Travelling do	1	8
Oxford Shirts, Collar attached	5	8	Do. Hosed Half do	1	8	English Feather do	7	8
White do.	4	8	Blankets	10	8	Folding Camp Bedsteads	32	8
French Cambric do., Collar attached	4	8	Long Rugs or Scotch Cotton do	10	0	Cork Mattresses	15	0
English Cambric do	4	0	Rezais or Quilts	5	8	Rug Straps	1-8 to	2
H. st Shirts, Flannel do.	8	0	Ladies' Long Wool Shawls	22	0	Waterproof Coats	10	0
Silk and Wool do	8	8	Portmantoaus or Overland Trunks	12-8 to	23	Cardigan Jackets, Twill Waterproof Sheeting	6	0
Spun Silk do	11	c	Solid Leather do	49	0	42-Inch White Waterproof	4	8
Gents' Under Vests	3-8 to 6	0	Extra Large do	75	0	Linen Faced Collars doz.	0	12
Bathing Drawers	2	0	Black Hide Bags	11	8	Linen Faced Cuffs per do.	1	8
Gents' Under Pants	4 to 8	0	Extra large do	24	0	Linen Cuffs per doz.	13	8
Silk Suspenders	2	8	Gladstone Bags	35	0	Linen Collars do	6	8
Gents' Cotton Socks, doz.	8	8	Ladies' Hand Bag	7	8	Cambric Handkerchiefs	5	8
Warm do	15	8	Writing Cases fitted	11	4	Warm Gloves	1	0
Ladies' Under Vests	4-8 to	6	Gents' Bags, fitted complete	72	0	Mufflers	2	12
Ladies' White Cotton Hose doz	13	8	Sailors' Knots	1-8 to	3	Pins, Scarf	1	0
Gents' Heather Merino Hose doz	9	0	Ladies' Carriage Bags, fitted complete	58	8	Windsors for Bow or Sting	3-8 to	4
Children's White Cotton Socks, from doz.	6-8 to	12	Gents' Dressing Cases	11	8	Gents' Canvas Shoes	2	12
Heather Merino do.	6-8 to	12	Soiled Linen Bags, all sizes 5 to 6	6	0	Gents' Slippers	2	8
Ladies' Sun and Travelling Hats, from	6 to 15	0	Cash Bags	6	12	Ladies' Shoes	2	11
						China Bath Slippers	2	0

	Rs.	a.
Filters for Travellers covered Wicker, from	11	4
Pocket Filters	2	12
Air Tight Uniform cases	23	0
Spong Bags	1	8
Sponges	3	8
Soap Boxes	1	8
Smelling Salts, per bottle	2	8
Aromatic Vinegar per bot	2	0
To th Brush Gards	0	10
Do. Brushes	0	10
Nail Do	0	12
Hair Brushes and Combs in Pigskins case	9-8 to	12
Razors, Ivory Handles	3	8
Do. Strops	3-8 to	5
Nail Scissors	1-8 to	1
Briar Root Pipes	1	12
Tobacco Pouches	1	8
Campagne Taps	8	8
Pocketes Knives	1	8
Marine Soap, 3 cakes for	0	12
Shaving do. Stick	1	0
Lloyd's Euxesis	1	4
Oriental Tooth Paste	1	8
Fragrant Floriline	1	8
Overland Chairs beat Beach 6 to	12	8
Luggage Lables, per doz.	0	8
Dumb Bells, from	2	0

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17th October 1876. RAMPART ROW.

SALES BY AUCTION.

MENESSE and COMPANY.

AUCTION SALE OF DAMAGED MAURITIUS SUGAR.

THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 23rd instant, at 2 P.M., Messrs. MENESSE and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the Carnac Bunder, on account of the underwriters, ex ship "Neusphar":—

H S S & Co.—217 bags damaged Mauritius Sugar.
H S P & Co.—78 bags damaged Mauritius Sugar.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 23rd October 1876.

JEHANGHIER HORMUSJEE & COMPANY, No. 12, APOLLO STREET, FORT.

AUCTION SALE of Kerosine Oil Table and Hanging Hurricane Lamps with duplex burners, Parian busts, Perfumery, enamelled hides, &c. &c.

Messrs. JEHANGHER HORMUSJEE & Company will sell by Public Auction at their room on WEDNESDAY, the 25th instant, at 1 P.M., the following:—

A large invoice of kerosine oil table and hanging hurricane lamps with duplex burners, can also be used as punkha lamps, they give light equal to 60 candle's light, and they are made by Messrs. James Hinks and Sons, some reading lamps, wall lamps, stable lamps, carriage lamps, &c.

The above lamps are worth while to have, and we recommend merchants and gentlemen not to lose this opportunity, as these lamps are seldom imported in Bombay. Their light do not extinguish even in strong wind.

A large invoice of Parian busts of sizes, comprising Joan of Arc or Maid of Orleans, Diana, Clytie, Una and Lion, Cupid and Psyche, Mozart, Schiller, Seasons, and many other sorts.

A case of perfumery, containing 50 cut de cologne in flasks, perfume in fountain bottles of sizes, etc.

1 case of enamelled hides.
Few sets of fancy rich cut glassware of sorts.
Few best travelling boxes.
1 case containing ladys and gentlemen's riding and carriage whips, hunting whip's, etc., etc.

JEHANGHIER HORMUSJEE & Co

Bombay, 23rd October 1876.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON and Co.

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that by order of the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, Messrs. MEHRJEE JOHNSTON and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the Municipal Commissioner's Office, Fort, on SATURDAY, the 28th October 1876, at 11 A.M., the right to collect the Municipal Fair Ground and Cattle Feeding Fees from Dealers and Butchers at the Bombay Municipal Slaughter Houses at Bandora, for 3 years from 1st January 1877 to 31st December 1877, and also at the same place as soon as the above Auction is concluded, the rights of collecting Squatters Fees, in the Fort Market, Arthur Crawford Beef Market, Arthur Crawford Fish and Mutton Market, Erskine Road Fish and Mutton Market and Pedder Market, Masagon, from fresh and salt fish sellers, &c., who sit on the floor or other places not numbered, either in line or outside, under the eaves of the Markets for 1877 only, i. e., from 1st January to 31st of December 1877. For particulars and conditions of these sales respectively apply at the Municipal Commissioner's Office, Fort, to the Assistant Superintendent of Markets and Slaughter Houses at Bandora, or at the Office of the Superintendent of Markets at Arthur Crawford Markets, or to the undersigned. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the highest or any offer.

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One self driving Phaeton, moveable box, with a young Persian horse and harness complete.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, 23rd October 1876.

BENNETT and COMPANY,

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

SATURDAY EVENING, 21st Oct. 1876.

THE commercial telegrams from London of yesterday and to-day confirm the more pacific feeling advised as having set in on Thursday evening, Consols have recovered from 94⅛ to 94½, French Rentes from 103¾ to 104 and Cotton is firmer, but the political situation is yet full of danger and a peaceful settlement of the Turkish Question is by no means a certainty. That the English Government have decided upon a policy of neautrality, and that the Great Powers are supporting the propsal of Russia for a six weeks' armistice, are favourable features, so far as they go, but in times like these, events follow each other with so much rapidity, that the policy of to-day may have to be modified, or possibly reversed, the next. How near England has already been to actual war, is clearly shown by the very fact of the question having been discussed at the Special Cabinet Council whether or not an ultimatum, involving a contingent declaration of war should be tendered. That no such ultimatum will be issued as things now stand is so much towards peace, but where so many diverse interests are at stake circumstances may at any moment place the country in a position from which it might be next to impossible to withdraw peaceably.

The Liverpool Cotton Market yesterday closed steady and to-day firm, the sales both days being 10,000 bales. Prices are unchanged but sellers show more confidence, and with a settlement of European politics visible an advance would probably be established. The Receipts at the American ports it is true are still comparatively large, but notwithstanding this a very general impression prevails that the ultimate yield will fall considerably short of last season, and if that view be correct there can be little doubt that prices are on a very moderate level, at a figure in fact from which the probabilities of an advance are much greater than a decline.

The visible supply of Cotton for all Europe on the 20th instant compares with the previous two years as follows :—

	1876.	1875.	1874.
Total supply of all kinds	1,810,000	1,768,270	1,890,360
" " " Surats ...	500,000	715,590	754,720
For the U. K. only the figures are :—			
Stock in Liverpool	610,000	581,620	621,040
Do. London.....	34,125	58,310	112,110
American Afloat.....	70,000	57,000	82,000
E. Indian "	100,000	183,000	169,000
	814,125	879,930	984,150
Price of Mid. Orleans.....	6¼d.	7 5-16d.	8¾d.
" Fair Dhollera ...	4 7-16d.	4 13-16d.	5¼d.
Difference	1 11-16d.	2¼d.	3½d.

The American Crop figures to date give the following comparisons with the two previous seasons :—

	1876.	1875.	1874.
Week's Receipts	155,000	148,000	132,000
" Exports to U. K.....	46,000	26,000	35,000
" " Continent...	31,000	16,000	11,000
Total Receipts since 1st Sept.	636,000	659,800	505,800
" Exports to U. K. " ...	126,000	95,300	125,300
" " Continent " ...	55,600	66,900	19,700
" Stocks at the Ports.....	426,000	350,000	338,000

The Manchester Piece Goods Market on Friday was quiet at Tuesday's prices, but the steadier feeling in Liverpool will probably impart a stronger tone, especially combined as it is with an advance in the value of Silver.

In Mincing Lane, Coffee is steady, but values have not recovered the previous fall. Cocoanut Oil is unchanged. Seeds continue to advance rapidly, Reuter quoting a decline of 2s per quarter in Bombay Linseed and 3d. in Ferozepore Rapeseed from the previous day, while Calcutta Linseed is 4s. 6d. and Rapeseed 3d. per quarter higher on the week.

A further withdrawal of £80,000 is reported from the Bank of England, which seems to be steadily though slowly declining in strength, and if public confidence was once re-established respecting the Turkish Question we should probably see an active demand for money superseding the previous dulness. Enfaced Rupee Paper as quoted by Reuter shows a decline of ⅛ in Fours ; and an advance of like extent in Fives-and-a-half, while Fours and-a-half are unchanged. Indian Bank shares are unaltered on the week.

Friday's telegrams respecting Bar Silver were somewhat irregular. Reuter quoted 52¾d, but we heard of more than one private telegram quoting 53d. Reuter, however, gives 52¾d. again to-day so that we now may accept that rate as being correct. Equivalent as it is, however, to 1s. 8¾d. per rupee it is scarcely probable that there can be many buyers at the figure unless there is something in the market not apparent on this side.

STERLING EXCHANGE to-day has been quiet but steady at yesterday's rates. If anything the Banks are perhaps more willing buyers than sellers, especially for future delivery, but the amount of private offering is small and the demand for remittance equally limited so that there has not been much to test the market either way. We quote :—

Bank Bills on demand	.....1s. 8¼d.	per Rupee
Do 6 months' sight	...1s. 8¾d.	"
Credits 3	.....1s. 8 9/16d.	"
Documents 3	.....1s. 8 9/16d.	"

On Calcutta there have been very free sellers amongst the Banks and a large business is said to have been done in 60 days' sight at 99⅛, at which there are still sellers, and in 30 days' sight at 99 9-16. Demand drafts are nominally unaltered.

IN GOVERNMENT PAPER the depression if possible has further increased. There are now sellers but no buyers of Fours at par ; Fours-and-a-half at Rs. 100¼ ; Fives-and-half at Rs. 103 to ¼.

SHARES continue weak at declining values. In Spinning and Weaving Companies we note a decline of Rs. 10 in Allience, Rs. 15 in Dharumsey and Rs. 5 in Jewraz Balloo. Press shares are dull especially the Companies established at Colaba, it being now pretty well settled amongst the native dealers to remove the Cotton Green to Mazagon. Bombay Burmah Trading Co.'s shares are Rs. 15 lower.

COTTON is quiet at unchanged prices, which still represent a sterling cost in excess of Liverpool arrival currencies, nor, looking to the small quantity of Cotton left in the country and the comparatively large local demand, does there seem much prospect of the relative positions being altered until New Cotton begins to come in. Rain is reported to have fallen to some extent both at Sholapore and Dharwar which may possibly give the Cotton crops a chance of being planted while it will alleviate the prospects of famine in these districts.

FREIGHTS are stronger. By steamer for Liverpool £2 has been done to-day for measurement and Wheat is offering in quantity at £1 15s per ton. Nothing has been done by sailing ships.

PIECE GOODS are still fairly active, but the rise in Exchange is beginning to weaken prices slightly, some transactions being reported at a reduction of a half to one anna per piece.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Banks.	No. of Shares.	Nomi. Value p. sh.	Paid up.	Last Divi-dend.	Cash. Rates per Share.
		Rs.	Rs.	p. a.	
Agra Bank	100,000	100	all	5 p. ct	103
Bank of Bengal	40,000	500	all	10 do.	703
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	10 do.	702½
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	8 do.	625
Ch rtered Mercantile Bank of I., C. & China.	30,000	250	all	8 do.	300
Hong. & Shanghai Bank.	40,000	125	all	8 do.	335
Chartered Bank of India and China	40,000	200	all	5 do.	175
National Bank of India.	37,200	250	125	6 do.	169
Oriental Bank	60,000	250	all	11 do.	560

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	..	£20	218 3 0	5 p. c.	240
Do. New £20 Shares.....	..	£20	13 0 14 6	do.	126
Ditto	..	£20	6 5 7 8	do.	72
Ditto	..	£20	2 11 2 15	do.	32
B. B. and C. I. Ry. Co.	..	£100	1,000	do.	1,100
Do. New Shares.....	..	£18	19 0 5 15	do.	235

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation	1,000	2,500	1,500	16 p. ct	1,850
Bombay Gas Company...	1,000	50	all	4½ p. ct	60
Bombay Saw Mills Co...	600	1,000	all	60 p. s.	721
Landing and Shipping Co. of Kurrachee, Ld.	500	500	300	36 p. s.	215
Malabar Company, Ld...	1,150	200	100	7½ p. ct	70
Mechanics' Buildings Co.	1,000	500	all	4 p. s.	27
Treacher and Co.	1,000	500	all	8 p. ct	475
Vegas Patent Slip Co...	3,000	250	all	0 p. ct	38

BANK OF BENGAL.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ending 10th October compared with that for 10th October :—

Liabilities.	10th October. Rs. A. P.	17th October. Rs. A. P.
Capital	2,00,00,000 0 0	2,00,00,000 0 0
Reserve Fund	16,73,532 7 9	16,73,532 7 9
Treasury Balance	2,72,98,031 5 4	2,79,71,060 4 11
Other Deposits	1,80,93,404 1 11	1,77,37,874 2 6
Bank Post Bills, &c.....	2,61,525 10 7	3,64,448 6 3
Sundries	6,20,170 12 4	6,35,063 14 8
Rs.	6,86,49,664 5 11	6,83,71,679 4 0
Assets.		
Government Securities.....	1,42,21,184 15 6	1,38,15,014 5 6
Loans on Govt. Securities.	64,80,994 7 2	65,45,194 7 2
Credits on ditto ...	44,06,107 12 7	40,22,148 6 4
Bills Discounted.....	1,72,86,881 0 6	1,65,85,179 13 0
Balances with other Banks	8,79,081 2 10	7,44,442 2 9
Bullion	14,298 7 0	10,082 0 0
Dead Stock	10,44,384 15 9	10,43,438 9 4
Stamps	10,851 10 10	10,267 9 8
Sundries.....	1,38,010 14 10	1,38,019 14 10
Cash at Head Office	4,45,71,993 7 0	1,0 0,9,294 13 10
Do. at Branches	2,40,77,670 14 11	1,97,20,057 1 6
Rs.	6,86,49,664 5 11	6,83,71,679 4 0

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE ship HERMON, 1,316 tons, Captain J. E. Dillon will sail to-day for Rangoon, in ballast.

THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYDS s.s. JUNO Captain G. Sturli, from Trieste, left Aden for Bombay on the 21st instant.

THE BRIG AMIZADE, 107 tons, Nacoda, arrived in harbour on the 21st instant, from Mozambique, with a general cargo and six deck passengers.

THE s.s. PEARL, 366 tons, Captain W. Gregor, sailed on Saturday last for Coast and Cutch, with a general cargo and one hundred and five deck passengers.

THE s.s. ODRUN, 162 tons, Captain G. J. Baker, sailed on Saturday last for Cost and Cuch, with a general cargo and two hundred and nine deck passengers.

THE P. AND O. Co.'s s. s. ORISSA, 1,119 tons; Captain W. H. Pockley, sailed on Saturday last for Aden, Jeddah, and Hoodooda, with a general cargo and six hundred and eighty deck passengers.

THE B. I. S. N. Co's s.s. CANARA, 1,229 tons, Captain T.Sanders, arrived in harbour on the 21st instant, from Coast and Calcutta, with a general cargo and the following passenger :—Mr. Macaulay, Mr. Hill, Lieut. Welch, Mr. Watts, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. D. Costa, four European sailors, two Lance Corporals, and sixty-seven deck passengers.

THE ANCHOR LINE s. s. INDIA, 1,444 tons, Captain G. Read, sailed on Saturday last for Liverpool via the Suez Canal, with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Mrs. C. G. Cantley, Col. and Mrs. T. S. Bigge, Mrs. Bracken, four children and ayah, Mrs. Whiteway and child, Mr. W. A. Howe, C. E., Masters W. and R. Welsh, Lieut. G. F. Wilson, Mrs. Warthington, and Mr. J. Gold.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. PUTTIALLA, 494 tons, Captain G. G. Stevenson, sailed on Saturday last for Coast and Calcutta, with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Mrs. W. Roberts, child and servant Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Roth, Rev. Mr. Hoch, Rev. Mr. Eble, Mr. Frahumeyen, Rev. Mr. Schonthal, Misses Kockerhans, Specht, and Buhren. Rev. Mr. Ruhland, Mr. and Mrs. Thomson, Mr. J. Young, a gentleman, Mr. N. Start and servant, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Melove and four children, and thirty deck passengers.

THE s.s. PROPONTIS, 1,416 tons, Captain J. Alexander, which arrived in harbour on the 19th instant from Liverpool (September 22), via Port Said and the Suez Canal, brought the following cargo :—194 packages piece goods, 96 packages paints, 2 boxes ham, 206 boxes candles, 505 boxes soap, 11 packages wine, 9 packages sherry, 15 packages champagne, 6,200 bars and 1,359 bundles iron, 11 packages hardware, 60 bales twine, 578 boxes brandy, 1,325 packages steel, 50 packages lamps, 381 packages glassware, 9 packages chimney lamps, 20 packages varnish, 35 packages bottles, 150 boxes tin plates, 33 packages papers, 24 packages tumblers, and many other packages machinery. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. David Sasson and Co.

THE LOSS OF THE CAWDOR CASTLE.

THE sentence pronounced on Thursday morning by Mr. Marsden for the Court of Enquiry in Calcutta on Mr. Simons, who was tried on Tuesday last for the loss of the Cawdor Castle, was as follows :—

Mr. Marsden—I have carefully considered this case and it has been a question of considerable importance to me to determine what punishment to inflict. The defendant Simons is an officer who has been eighteen years in Government employ, and expect in the present case, has never endangered the safety of any vessel ; three certificates, from captains of vessels now in this port, have been placed in my hands, testifying to his previous good conduct and carefulness while in charge of their vessels. In the present instance, defendant has been found, by the verdict of a competent jury, to have been both unskilful and negligent, and so have caused the total loss of the B. S. Cawdor Castle ; and not only is the vessel and all her cargo totally lost, but a number of lives have been sacrificed also. I have endeavoured to find extenuating circumstances in the case to enable me to modify the sentence that I am about to pass, but in vain. The case appears to me to be one of a very gross nature, and considering that the defendant has been eighteen years in the pilot service, and at the end of that period should have been found guilty of incompetency and unskilfulness, as in the present case, I should not be doing my duty, were I ever to give him an opportunity of again causing a similar disaster. The sentence of the court is that the defendant Simons be dismissed from the service.

ARRIVALS.

Oct.	Vessels.	Commanders.	From.
21	Canara (s).....	Sanders.....	Calcutta.
	Amizade	Nacoda	Mozambique, Sept 2.
	Orinna	Thomson	Liverpool, June 15.

DEPARTURES.

Oct.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destination.
21	Royal Diadem	Dennis	Calcutta.
	Ooroun (s).....	Baker	Coast and Cutch.
	Pearl(s).....	Gregor	Coast and Cutch.
	India (s).....	Read	Liverpool.
	Orissa (s).....	Pockley	Jeddah. &c.
	Puttialla (s).....	Stevenson.....	Coast and Calcutta.

The ship Hermon, Dillon, to Rangoon, obtained her port clearence on Saturday.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVAL.

Oct.			
18	Mahratta(s).....	James	Kyouk Phyoo, Oct 14.

DEPARTURES.

Oct.			
18	Dahlia (s).....	.....	.....
	Curlew (s).....	.....	.....
	Reliance (s).....	.....	.....
	Queen of the East...	.....	.....
	Airlie	.....	.....

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Oct.		
18	Inverdruie	Coconada.
	Charmer	Coconada.
19	Suzerain	Coconada.
	Choice	Coconada.
	Hope	Coconada.

DAILY IMPORTS—OCTOBER 21.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

India s—8 packages earthenware, Nanjee Canjee.

FROM LONDON.

Athall s—50 drums linseed oil, Tyebally Suruffally and Co.
India s—75 kegs lead ore, Rustomjee Jewajee.
Virginia Schillizzi s—4,178 bars iron, Finlay, Muir and Co ; 78 quarter-barrels gunpowder, Jamsetjee Cooverjee's Sons.

FROM MARSEILLES.

Batavia s—3 cases preserve, Vinay and Co.

FROM GENOA.

Batavia s—50 cases claret and 10 cases vermouth, C Grondona.

FROM BORDEAUX.

Faune—50 cases brandy, Nowrojee Ardaseer and Sons.

DAILY EXPORTS.—OCTOBER 21.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

India s—25 bales cotton, Boodha Raghowjee ; 83 bales cotton Thakersee Dewjee.
Zerbino s—51 bales cotton, Esmail Abdoolrehman.
Trentham Hall s—2,800 bags wheat, Finlay, Scott and Co ; 115 bales cotton, Cooverjee Lilladhur.

FOR LONDON.

Hydaspes s—11,451 chests tea, 107 boxes rhubarb, 482 bales hides and skins, 153 cases indigo, 3 cases gambooge, 10 cases cassia, 5 cases oil, 36 cases cassia oil, 250 bales silk, 250 bales cotton, 1 cases wax, 18 cases cardamoms, 21 bales senna and 35 bales coir yarn, P and O Co ; 1 case shawls, Nacoda Moladina Fazul ; 2 cases shawls, Hajee Mahomed Ruja Sheerajee ; 9 bundle E teeth, Ramchordass Girdhurlall ; 9 bundles E teeth Cuppoorchund Carjee ; 468 bags rape seed, Finlay, Scott and Co ; 2 bales hides and 4 cases peacock feathers, Ruzubally Allibux ; 20 bales skins, P M S Momed and Co ; 16 bales hides and skins, Momed Ally and Co ; 20 cases chundroos, and 22 cases mother of Pearl shells, Dhurumsey Velljee ; 8 cases Rahmuns, Dawoodbhoy Hussen ; 9 cases Rahmuns, and 2 bales hides, Mahamed Allana ; 7 cases peacock feathers and 6 bales hides, Mahamed P Goder ; 4 cases shawls, Roognath Kissonjee ; 19 cases shawls, Lukmidass Khimjee ; 1 bundle E teeth, Nuthoomull Motichund ; 1 case shawls, Mohedeen Fuzel ; 1 case shawls, Muthoradass Gopaldass ; 2 cases shawls, Mayadass Ramchunder ; 1 case shawls, Ahmedshaw Joosubshaw ; 83 pieces E teeth, Mamedjee Tarbhoy ; 89 pieces E teeth, Nuthoomull Motichund.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Batavia s—526 bags wheat, Finlay, Scott and Co.
Hydaspes s—5 cases shawls, W Nicol and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Thibet s—50 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co ; 700 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

FOR HAVRE.

Zerbino s—41 cases mother of pearl shells, Trebjee and Co.

FOR ALEXANDRIA.

Hydaspes s—4 boxes (20,000) rupees The C M Bank of I L and China.

FOR SUEZ.

Hydaspes s—127 chests indigo, P and O Co.

FOR CALCUTTA.

City of Boston—150 bales cotton, Knoop and Co.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

BOMBAY, 20th October 1876.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah	29·891
Temperature of the Air.....	79·4
Wet Bulb Thermometer.....	75·2
Dew Point	73·6
Relative humidity of Air	0·829
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=8).	0·8
Maximum temperature of air (read at 6 p.m) ...	83·8
Minimum do. do. (read at 9-30 a. m.)...	72·9
General Direction of wind...NW, ESE, SW, SE, WSW, SSW, S	
Movement of wind in 24 hours	133

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—OCTOBER 20.

Spooner, Vet Surg, Bombay R A, on duty, from Poona.
Harrison, Sub Lieut, Bombay 56th Regt, on leave, from Poona.
Wilson, Lieut, Bengal R E, on leave.

DEPARTURES—OCTOBER 21.

Bigge, Lieut Col, Bengal 5th Fusiliers, on leave, to England.
Welch, Surg Major, Bengal 9th Regt, on duty, to Rawal Pindee.
Dyke, Capt, Bombay Dy Asst Adjt Genl of Musketry, on duty, to Bhooj.
Thomson, Surg Major, Bombay A M D, from leave, to Neilgherry
Skottowe, Lieut Col, Madras Staff Corps, to join, to Madras.
Simpson, Capt, Bengal 9th Cavalry, to rejoin, to Deolalee.
Anderson, Major, Bengal R E A, to rejoin, to Campbellpore.
Wilson, Lieut, Bengal R E, on leave, to England.

BOMBAY ARMY ORDERS.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Adjutant General's Office, Head Quarters,
Poona, 21st October 1876.

The undermentioned are reported to have passed the required examination in the following anguages viz :—

Marathi—No 1-93 676 Private J Calderwood, 2nd Batn 7th Foot, and Lt J S King, 2nd Regt N I.

HINDUSTANI.

Higher Standard—Lt I Mac Ivor, 3rd Hussars, Maj P A A Twynam, 2nd Batn 15th Foot ; Capt F W V Leckie, 66th Foot ; Lt W G Yate and Sub Lt A J P Burn, 66th Foot.

Lower Standard—No 2902 Bombardier H Searle, E Batty C Bde R H A ; No 1268 Serjt W Robinson, No 1029 Private J Goodall, and No 1147 Private J Blyth, 3rd Hussars ; and No 1801 Drum Maj Dillon, 108th Foot.

Provost Serjt John Newland, 56th Foot, Deolallee Depot, is remanded to his Regt for discharge.

Lance Serjt Daniel Tracey, 2nd Batn 7th Regt, is appointed Provost Serjt, Deolallee, Depot, and transferred to the Unattached List.

Armourer Serjt Wilson Haywood, Corps of Armourers, is posted to the 66th Foot, vice No 34 Armourer Serjt William Oldbury, proceeding to England for discharge.

The following orders are confirmed :—

Mhow Division Order—Dated 14th Oct 1876 directing Lt T H M Kelly, 3rd Hussars, to perform the duties of Station Staff Officer at Indore.

1st Regt L C—Regtl Order, dated 16 Oct 1876, directing Lt Loch, Offg 3rd Squadron Officer, to officiate as second Squadron Officer ; and Lt Elliot, 1st Squadron Subn, to officiate as 3rd Squadron Officer, in addition to his own duties, as a temporary arrangement, in succession to Major Jenkins, proceeded on furlough.

29th Regt N I—Regtl Order, dated 6th Oct 1876, directing Lt Verge, 1st Wing Subn, to officiate as Adjt, in addition to his own duties, vice Capt Bryant, and until the arrival of Lt Broome.

Regtl Order, dated 13th Oct 1876, directing Lt Broome, 2nd Wing Subn, to officiate as Adjt, in addition to his own duties, during the absence of Capt Bryant or until further orders.

The foll wing order is confirmed as a temporary arrangement :—

Sappers and Miners—Regtl Order, dated 17th August 1876, directing Capt F T Stock, Comdg No 5 Company, to officiate as Adjt and Supt of Instruction and 2nd-in-Comd, vice Capt Newport.

Capt J R Watson, Qr Mr 16th N I, performed the duties of Interpreter to the 68th Light Infantry from the 13th July to the 8th Aug 1876, both inclusive, there being no qualified officer available.

The undermentioned officer has leave of absence :—

2nd Foot (1st Battalion)—Col J Rose, Aide-de-Camp, to the Queen, to Bombay, for ten days, from date of departure, to appear before a medical board.

Sec mark of G G O 875, 17th June 1876, as relates to Lt W G Bower, Royal Engrs, is cancelled.

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES ORDERS.

(North-Western Provinces Gazette, October 21.)

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

The undermentioned Officers have been granted leave of absence :—

In suppersession of Notification No 858A, dated 30th May last, Mr R J Crosthwaite, Judge, Small Cause Court, Allahabad six months' furlough to Europe on medical certificate, together, with the usual subsidiary leave, with effect from the 7th June, 1874.

Mr W A Howe, Joint Mag, 1st grade, Jaunpur, one month's privilege leave, in extension of that granted in Notification No 1583A, dated 13th Sept 1876.

Lt-Col W T Medlicott, Cant Mag, Benares, was on furlough, in India, under Chapter I of the Furlough Rules of 1868, from 24th April to 25th July, 1875, both dates inclusive.

Mr W Lane, Mag and Coll, is reported his return from furlough on the 5th Oct 1876, the usual subsidiary leave.

H H the Offg Lt Govr has been pleased to make the following appointments :—

The Rev L Phillips, of Mussooree, to officiate as Chaplain of Landour until further orders, as a temporary arrangement, with effect from the 8th Oct 1876.

Mr C W Mellor, Offg Joint Mag, 1st grade, Bareilly, to hold charge of the Pilibhit sub-division until further orders, as a temporary arrangement, with effect from the date of taking charge.

H H the Offg Lt-Govr has been pleased to make the following posting :—

Mr W Lane, Mag and Collr, to Allahabad.

H H the Offg Lt Govr has been pleased to direct the following reversion :—

The Rev W B Drawbridge, Offg Chaplain of Landour, to revert to his substantive appointment as Chaplain of Muttra, with effect from the 9th Oct, 1876.

C Donovan, Offg Joint Mag, 1st grade, from Etah to Agra, with effect from the date on which he was relieved of the charge of the Etach dist by Mr F Hankeson.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The privilege leave granted to Mr G G Billings, Depy Collr, Meerut, in the notification from this Dept, No 1447A, dated the 19th Aug last, is hereby cancelled.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Surgn F W Wright, to the charge of the Civil Medical duties of the station of Chanar, with effect from the 17th Sept 1876.

H H the Offg Lt-Govr has been pleased to direct the following promotions :—

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following promotions are made with effect from the 2nd Sept 1876, the date on which Mr J D LaTouche was appointed to officiate as Inspr Genl of Police, Bombay :—

Maj A H Bramley, Dist Supt of Police, 2nd grade, to officiate in the first grade ; Capt G F H Graham, Dist Supt of Police, 3rd grade, to officiate in the 2nd grade ; Mr G G Parker, Dist Supt of Police, 4th grade, to officiate in the 3rd grade ; and Mr B Alone, Dist Supt of Police, 5th grade, to officiate in the 4th grade.

The following executive promotions are made with effect from the 19th Aug 1876, the date of the decease of Mr W L Smith :—

Sultan Muhammad Khan, Asst Dist Supt of Police, from the 2nd to the 1st grade ; and Mr A H Davis to be confirm d in his appointment of Asst Dist Supt of Police, 2nd grade.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

P Robinson, Professor, Muir College, Allahabad, and Reporter on the Vernacular Press, having been reported absent without leave from Allahabad since the 8th instant, are hereby dispensed with, with effect from that date, under section 15, Supplement F of the Leave Code.

BENGAL GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

BY THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF BENGAL.

(Calcutta Gazette, October 18.)

REVENUE AND GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr A C Brett, Offg Judge of Furreedpore, is allowed leave for two months and twenty four days from the 1st proximo, under Sec 21, Chapter VI of the Civil Leave Code.

Mr H M Kisch, c s, Offg Asst Comr, Manbhoom, is appointed to have temporary charge of the Dhanbad Sub-Div of that Dist.

Captain John Edward Sandeman, Asst Supt of the Dhanwar Estate Survey, is vested with the powers of a Depy Collr under Act V (B C) of 1873.

Mr J Geoghegan, c s, is allowed furlough for twenty months, under Sec 10 (a of the Civil Leave Code, together with subsidiary leave for a period not exceeding five days, under Sec 18 of the Code with effect from the 27th ultimo.

Mr S C Bayley, c s i, who has reported his arrival at Bombay on the 11th inst on return from furlough, is allowed subsidiary leave for four days.

Mr C T Metcalfe, Offg Com of the Patna Div, is appointed to act until further orders as Inspr Genl of Police of that Dist.

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Mr R H McLaughlin is appointed to Act as Joint-Mag and Depy Collr of Tipperah in the first grade, on being relieved of his duties as Actg Dist and Sessions Judge of Jessore.

Mr G E Porter, Joint-Mag and Depy Collr, of the first grade, is posted to Shahabad, on being relieved of his duties as Actg Dist and Session Judge of Sarun.

Mr W G S Cox, who was appointed to act as an Asst Supt of Police under the orders of the 19th ultimo, is posted to Julpigoree.

In supersession of the orders of the 18th Sept 1876, Mr H A Coombs, Asst Supt of Police, is posted to Monghyr.

Mr J Sutcliffe, a, is appointed to be Director of Public Instruction, vice Mr Henry Woodrow, deceased.

Mr H Osborne, Sub-Depy Opium Agent of Tehtah, is allowed subsidiary leave from 12th to 23rd July 1876, to enable him to rejoin his appointment on return from furlough.

Mr G W Place, c s, Asst Comr, third grade, Kamroop, is transferred to Sylhet.

Mr L Hare, c s, Offg Asst Comr, second grade, Sylhet, is transferred to Cachar, with effect from the date on which he may be relieved by Mr Place.

POSTAL NOTICES.

OVERLAND MAIL.

In supersession of this Office Notice of the 15th May last, it is notified that as on and after the 2nd October next till further notice the Overland Mail Steamers of the P. and O. S. N. Company will leave Bombay every *Monday* soon after P.M. The following revised arrangements in the hours for closing Mails will come into operation from the said date :—

Letters will be received at the General Post Office up to 5-30 P.M.

Newspapers, Books, and Patterns up to 3 P.M.

Registered Letters up to 2 P.M.

Registered Letters, if fully prepaid together with an extra fee of 2 annas, will be received at the General Post Office between 3 and 4 P.M.

Late letters, if fully pre-paid by means of stamps in respect both of postage and of the late letter fee (2 annas each), will be received at the Wellington Pier Post Office from 5-30 to 6-30 P.M.

The latest hour for posting ordinary Overland Covers at the several Branch Post Offices will be 4 P.M., and registered letters at 1 P.M.

Fully pre-paid letters will be received on board the Overland Mail Steamer at 5 P.M. and up to starting time (7 P.M.) by the payment of an additional fee of 4 annas. All others will be refused.

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NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENT.

JOSE ORPHINO *de* GAMA PINTO is very angry with "C. P. P." for claiming to be a grand nephew of Major Pinto, and says emphatically that he is the only grand nephew of Major Pinto in Bombay. The world may now go round as usual.

MR. E. M. WALTON,
SURGEON DENTIST,
12, RAMPART ROW.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

GOULDEN—October 21st, at Mahim, the wife of Mr. P. Goulden, Acting Superintendent, Bombay Police, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

DUNSFORD—SUTTON—October 19th, at Christ Church, Mhow, by the Rev. E. G. Davis, William George Dunsford, Lieut. 108th Regt, to Annie Grace, eldest daughter of Lieut. H. Sutton.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

FRASER—October 16th, at Monnifeepore, the wife of T. J. Fraser, Esq., of Mo

LATEST INTELLIGENCE

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY COTTON REPORT.

LONDON, 20TH OCT.

Total Week's Sales of Cotton	58,000	bales.
Do. Amount forwarded	2,000	do.
Do. Week's Sales of Surats	13,000	do.
Do. Week's Imports of Cotton ..	26,000	do.
Do. Stock of Cotton	610,000	do.
Do. do. Surats	179,000	do.
Do. Stock of Cotton in London ..	34,125	do.

LONDON, 20TH OCTOBER.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed steady. Surats steady.

The London Cotton Market has been quiet.

Fair Dhollera ..... 4 7/16d.

The Manchester Market has been quiet.

7 lbs. Shirtings 5-10½

8½ lbs. do. ..... 7-1½.

40s Mule Twist..... 0-9¾.

3 per cent. Consols for Account.. 94¼.

5 per cent. French Rente 1872 .... 104¼.

Bar Silver..... 52¾.

STEAMER REPORT.

GALLE, 21ST OCT., 2-20 P.M.

Mail steamer Travancore from Bombay arrived.

TRINCOMALEE, 22ND OCT., 7-30 P.M.

H.M. man-of-war Undaunted, from Zanzibar, arrived.

LINE REPORTS.—22ND OCTOBER.

Cable right to Fao. Turkish line right to Pera. Persian Line right to London.

THE Directors of the Bank of Bengal, at their meeting on Thursday, made no alteration in the rate of interest or discount.

MR. W. S. HALSEY is reported to be dangerously ill at Agra. A telegram received by the *Pioneer* on Friday last said that he had passed a fair night, but was still in a dangerous state.

SIR STUART HOGG, who was prevented from proceeding to sea, as he intended, last week, is reported to be no better, and was consequently compelled to leave Calcutta by the Nizam on Thursday last. Sir Stuart is expected back about the 28th instant.

THE actual receipts from seven sales of Bengal opium and six months' duty on Malwa opium have amounted to £4,910,655, being £548,863 above the estimated receipts. Of this latter sum, Bengal opium has contributed £378,440 and Malwa opium, £170,423.

A PAPER-MAKING machine has just been imported into Rangoon by the Government. The paper is to be manufactured, the local paper says, from *Bambusa*, of which the supply is very large. The Bamboo is largely used by the inhabitants of Burma in house building.

A CIRCULAR has been issued by the Government of India urging the local Governments to arrange with the railway authorities that, in the event of camp equipage, or other heavy baggage being sent by rail to Delhi, such baggage or equipage be despatched as early as possible after the 15th instant, to save inconvenience hereafter.

FROM the latest district reports from the Central Provinces, we see that, though the prospects are generally favourable, rain is much wanted in the Balaghat, Wardha, and Nagpore districts, where the cotton and rice are suffering, and more rain would also be beneficial in Betal, Bhandara, and Damoh. Cholera has almost disappeared, but cattle disease is bad in several districts.

IN the petition to the Ceylon Legislative Council from the natives of Ceylon and European residents or colonists the statement is made that the Christian population amounts to 250,000 out of a total of 2,158,000, and that 60,000 are Protestants of all denominations. The Bishop of Ceylon has officially to supervise only twelve chaplains, five aided clergymen and a few catechists, and for this he receives Rs. 25,000 every year out of a sum of Rs. 1,40,000 spent by the Ecclesiastical Department.

THE *Pioneer* knows so much about the young Nizara's movements that our contemporary is able to announce that His Highness the Nizam passes through Allahabad on the 18th of December staying there two days. Orders have been received, it is added, from the Government of India that he shall be received and entertained with all the splendour due to his rank. He is not likely to be oppressed with solitude, for he brings with him four hundred followers, amongst whom are thirty ladies.

THE Lahore paper says that subscriptions have been voluntarily offered by Mahomedans on behalf of the wounded in Turkey in several districts of the Punjab, and it is contemplated to hold a meeting of both Sunnis and Shiahs at Lahore with the view of presenting a memorial to Her Imperial Majesty, praying that England's protection of Mahomedan interests may be continued over the Mahomedan world, whilst reprobating all cruelties whether committed by Christian or Turk.

THE jury at the Marine Court of Inquiry into the loss of the Cawdor Castle in the Hooghley, at the close of the enquiry on Tuesday last, after retiring for a quarter of an hour, returned a verdict to the effect that they attributed the loss of the vessel to the unskilfulness and negligence of the pilot in charge. The Judge said that he would reserve sentence till Thursday morning, when he directed that the pilot should be dismissed the service.

THE *Calcutta Gazette* of Wednesday last contains the following notice of the death of Mr. Woodrow:—"The Lieutenant-Governor records with great sorrow the sudden death, on the 11th October, of Mr. Henry Woodrow, M.A., Director of Public Instruction in the Provinces under the Government of Bengal. By this event the Government has been deprived of an able and devoted servant, while the natives have lost a wise and zealous friend."

WE learn from *Indian Public Opinion* that Dewan Kirpa Ram, the late Prime Minister of Cashmere, distributed all his property to the poor, a few hours before he expired. His wife even offered all her jewels for the purpose, but these, as well as a few horses for the personal use of the son, were allowed to be kept by the family. There is no doubt that with very grave errors, adds our contemporary, the late Dewan was a great patron of learning and himself a distinguished Oriental scholar, combining the rare attainment of eminence alike in Sanscrit, Persian and we believe also Arabic. He was also a most generous man, but his administration of Cashmere was oppressive. He is succeeded by his son, Dewan Anant Ram, who certainly in some respects has an illustrious example to follow.

COLONEL SHAW-STEWART, Consulting Engineer for Railways, left Madras on Friday morning for Tuticorin, at which place he has been requested to meet his Grace the Governor in view to determining whether a railway across the Channel is feasible or not. We are told by the *Madras Times* that the Consulting Engineer inspected the locality a short time ago, in connection with this project, as the inhabitants of that portion of the Coast recently memorialised the Agent and Manager of the South Indian Railway Company, praying that a line of railway be permitted to connect India with Ceylon, and pointing out the large profits that would accrue to the Railway Company, not only by the conveyance of pilgrims to the shrine at Ramasewarum, but also by the cooly and other trades between India and Ceylon,

THE *Statesman* has taken to practical subjects lately. Our contemporary, who writes by the yard on gold and silver standards, thinks that the servants of Government ought to be of a certain standard as regards their height. He says:—"We have sometimes thought that no man should be admitted into the Indian Civil Service who is not 5 feet 10 or 6 feet high. Some of our readers may be inclined to smile at this, but others will understand what we mean by it. A little round dumpling of a man with bad manners, heightened by a sense of his own importance, or the shambling, conceited hobbledehoy who just gets through the door of competition, had far better have been kept out. We want a race of *rulers* for the country, and the present test of capacity is too narrow beyond doubt, though it is hard to find the remedy."

THE probability that the Bombay Government will again have the Sind frontier under its control or management is not very great, but the Government of India will surely reserve that frontier to itself and not further humiliate the Bombay Presidency by handing over the Sind frontier to the Punjab Government. Rumours, however, are current that Major Sandeman is to be put in charge of that frontier with a Resident, subordinate to him, at Khelat, under the Punjab Government. Lord Lytton does not, however, allow his policy to be sold by the yard to a certain busy and ambitious contemporary in the North-West. The contemporary referred to is obliged to have recourse to conjectures; the above about the Sind frontier is one of his, but, as our readers will perceive, not a very valuable one.

THE disputes between landlords and tenants in Eastern Bengal have reached a climax in the murder of Babu Purno Chandra Rai, zemindar of Nazarpara, in the Faridpur district. The *Englishman* copies a paragraph from the *East* which says that, for "some time, a misunderstanding has existed between him and his ryots regarding the question of rent. Recently, the zemindar had gained a number of rent suits, and the ryots, unable any longer to cope with him, made up their minds to commit the diabolical act. They invited him to a parley, to settle the differences on the spot, and the unsuspecting landlord went over to his mofussil cutchery. The ryots agreed to the terms, and promised payment the next morning. At night, however, a gang of 30 ferocious Moslems pounced upon their prey, and literally hacked the victim to pieces. There were 21 wounds all over the body."

THE steamer Oriental, which arrived at Rangoon from Madras on the 11th instant, is reported by the *Rangoon Gazette* to have encountered a cyclone at about half past 11 A.M. on Saturday the 7th idem, about 100 miles off Calingapatam. She passed right through the cyclone, and when in its centre experienced a perfect calm. Quite a number of birds and butterflies took refuge on the vessel when in the centre of the cyclone, and were so exhausted that they suffered themselves to be caught by the hand. The steamer lost three of her boats while two of the crew nearly lost their lives. On emerging from the centre and passing through the storm ring, the gale was terrific. The direction of the cyclone is supposed to have been from east to west. The period occupied by the vessel in passing through it was about four and a half hours.

THE death of Major Topham was announced in a telegram we published a few days ago. Some particulars of the event are given by a correspondent at Bareilly to a contemporary. A court of inquiry had been investigating certain pecuniary transactions in which Major Topham had been concerned with the shroff of his regiment. It is stated that Major Topham had been fully exonerated from all serious blame, but pending the orders of Government he was suspended from the command of the 16th. This occurred on Sunday evening, and the shock to his mind, enfeebled probably for the time by recent illness, proved very serious. He was found drowned on Monday. His body was followed to the grave by one of the largest funeral processions that have been seen in Bareilly for years, and his death is sincerely lamented by a large circle of friends by whom he was not only liked for his personal qualities, but cordially esteemed.

THE NEW NERBUDDA BRIDGE AND ITS PROGRESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Whatever "inherent weakness" in the piles of the Nerbudda Bridge there may have been to induce the recent disaster by which 500 yards of that structure succumbed, it must be acknowledged that there are no signs of weakness, inherent or otherwise, in the efforts and energies of the engineers and others now engaged in remedying the effects of that disaster on the convenience of the public and the public traffic. The Nerbudda just now is worth seeing. A small army of men working like one, while the temporary bridge is very rapidly rising to its height. It is expected, I was told, that about the middle of November engines will be passed over and the broken links of traffic reunited. Not, indeed, that even now is the current of traffic altogether stopped. Passengers cross comfortably in steam launches or barges towed by the launches and night and day whole fleets of native craft ply from side to side piled up with merchandize and goods. It is certainly no small feat, and one which shows the energy and determination of the present Agent, that despite the destruction of 1,500 feet of a bridge over a rapid tidal river, a temporary line should be so near completion, while hardly for more than a day or two did traffic cease. But adequate as the proposed temporary road will be for the dry season, it was never calculated for or intended to be exposed to monsoon floods. Before those floods can possibly arrive the temporary piles must be removed, and then, unless other steps be taken, the line remains cut off with a huge gap in its continuity by no means safe to cross in boats, and devoid of bridge communication. It is rumoured that Government insist on a complete new design for this crossing of the Nerbudda in which massive cylinders and large spans, 200 feet wide or so, form the main features. Until the materials for this design arrive no attempt at any repairs to the old structure will, it is said, be allowed by Government. Is it probable that such a bridge could be completed under three or four years? Could the materials for it be made so as to enable its construction to start within a year from this time?

There are two courses, then, open to Government and the public: either traffic must cease after next monsoon breaks and the present temporary bridge be removed next June at no small expense, to be replaced at very large cost the following September, and the same processes undergone in June and September 1878 and not improbably in 1879; or some attempt must be made to erect over the gap some bridge, such that it will carry the traffic continuously until the new design is complete. By the former the public have to look forward to at best an intermittent traffic intercepted, too, at a time when not infrequently it is very important to maintain it. The company will be exposed to immense expense and serious wear and tear not only of materials, but of their staff and men. High pressure working of men on the Nerbudda sands in May, June, September and October means not only heavy pecuniary loss, but also very serious consumption of human material.

Of the old bridge nearly two-thirds stands intact and has, it is reported, withstood the extreme flood of last year without any sign of injury whatever. Notwithstanding the opinions of "F. O. B.," a correspondent of your contemporay, there are, it is stated, engineers and men acquainted for years with the Bridge who hold that but for the extraordinary under-scour beneath the portion that gave way and sank down, the whole Bridge would have remained intact. Be that as it may that very under-scour which, I presume, still remains, would facilitate sinking of piles in that portion (viz:—the 1,500 feet gap) deep down to a firmer foundation and well into a clay bed which will be closer at hand and easier to get into as so much superincumbent sand has been removed by the flood. It is improbable that from the spare materials on the B. B. and C. I Railway and other lines sufficient materials would not be available to construct a bridge 1,500 feet in length, and join the bank on the southern shore where the stone abutment still stands with the uninjured portion of the bridge.

I may be told that a similar flood or even a higher one may occur next year, but fortunately such freaks of nature are not so common, and if the piles are carried down beyond the reach of scour this renewal of 500 yards would in all probability endure as the northern portion *did*. The advocates of massive new structures must not forget that under-scour would prove even more disastrous to large cylinders and under the circumstances currently stated to have been experienced by the southern piles, the largest cylinder would have succumbed sooner probably as the pressure on the foundations would be greater.

Pending the erection of any new design, considering the time its completion is certain to take, the adoption of some means of getting over the gap during the monsoons will spare the public constant and vexatious delays and save the Railway Company from certain and considerable loss. If the Consulting Engineer to Railways commit the Railway to the temporary staging only until the new design is considered sanctioned, started, and completed, then Government, the Railway Company and the public will all three suffer. The question seems to be which is the wiser. To renew 1,500 feet of the old structure and resume traffic in a few months on a line exceptional in its easy gradients, thus avoiding all delays and breaks in traffic and a heavy loss in revenue or makeshift with a purely temporary bridge which *must* be renewed each year and which of necessity from its position involves working short steep inclines; with a certainty, too, of a complete cessation of traffic from June to September for the next three or four years.

It is one thing to arm ourselves against the "highest of all floods" and another to sacrifice money and men and property by assuming (a transcendent postulate) that an extraordinary event will become an ordinary annual occurrence. If insurance companies took these views there would be few, if any, of them. The matter is one that concerns the public closely, as it is now commonly stated that the Government engineers vehemently oppose anything but the temporary makeshift now rapidly approaching completion, and if they succeed the public using that line will be condemned for some years to a broken fitful intermittent traffic.

C. O.

THE FAMINE DISTRICTS.

IRREGATIONAL WORKS.—MUTHA CANAL.

EXTRACT from the proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department (Irrigation), dated 18th October 1876.

RESOLUTION.—Ordered that the following letter be addressed to the Secretary to the Government of India:—

In continuation of my No. 270 W. I.—629, dated 6th instant, and with reference to my No. P. 19—8 I., dated 19th August 1876, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to state that the reduction of allotment reported as feasible on the Mutha Canal, to meet the wishes of the Government of India regarding the restriction of public outlay during 1876-77 involved the suspension of the Canal works beyond Poona, which it was at the time thought might be deferred without disproportionate loss or waste.

2. Consequent, however, on the distress caused by the failure of the ordinary monsoon rain in the Deccan, it has now been found necessary to order the immediate resumption of the Canal works, and I am to forward extracts from the proceedings of this Government, calling for plans and estimates for the Canal as far as Wurwand, and sanctioning those up to the end of the 3rd section, and directing the works to be put in hand at once.

3. I am to explain that the Mutha Canal beyond Poona traverses a part of the country, perhaps the most severely affected by the drought, and that the work being a sanctioned one, the progress of which was merely restricted pending reconsideration of the financil position, this Government have felt justified under the pressing urgency of the case, in anticipating that the original Budget grant for the project will be made available for expenditure on the works.

TANKS.—REPAIRS TO THE HEERI KEROOR TANK, DHARWAR COLLECTORATE.

Public Works Department, Irrigation.

Bombay Castle, 19th October 1876.

Memorandum from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, No. 3869, dated 16th October 1876.

Forwards, for information, copy of his letter sanctioning estimate, amounting to Rs. 11,675, for repairs to the Heeri Keroor Tank, Dharwar Collectorate; and states that the work consists entirely of earthwork, and will afford suitable employment to people suffering from distress in the Dharwar Collectorate.

RESOLUTION.—Approved.

2. The Collector of Dharwar to be informed.

IRRIGATIONAL WORKS, NEHR AND PINGLI TANKS.

Public Works Department, Irrigation.

Bombay Castle, 19th October 1876.

Memorandum from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, No. 3866, dated 16th October 1876.

Forwards copy of telegram from the Collector of Satara, stating that distressing accounts are received from Khatao Taluka, and requesting sanction to the commencement of Nehr and Pingli Tanks.

Informs of his having authorized by wire their immediate commencement as famine relief works, and adds that in both cases the works (already sanctioned by Government, and only awaiting funds) consist almost entirely of *earthwork*," the estimates being as follows:—

Nehr Tank, Rs. 2,21,803, *vide* Government of India's Register No. 82 I. of 1876-77, and items 135 to 137 of Budget.

Pingli Tank, Rs 1,89,636, *vide* Government Resolution No. 274 W. I.—672 of 1875, and items 129 to 134 of Budget,

RESOLUTION.—Proceedings approved and sanctioned.

WATER SUPPLY—TOWN OF BARSI—SHOLAPORE COLLECTORATE.

Public Works Department, Irrigation.

Bombay Castle, 19th October 1876.

Memorandum from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, No. 3848, dated 14th October 1876.

Forwards, for sanction, plants and estimates, the latter amounting to Rs. 28,360, inclusive of Public Works Establishment, of the cost of restoring a tank near Barsi for the supply of that town, the work being executed by the Executive Engineer for Irrigation, Poona.

States that the plans have been modified to suit the opinion of the Sanitary Commissioner, copy of whose remarks is attached, and that the work is in progress as a famine relief one, the Municipality having paid Rs. 18,000 as part cost.

Adds that, under the rules of the Department, the whole amount of the estimate should be paid to the credit of the Department before work is commenced; but under the circumstances of the case, the rule may be relaxed, and the expenditure kept within the amount of contribution paid up, and that the Collector should move the Municipality to pay in the balance of the estimate at once in order to prevent delay in the completion of the works.

RESOLUTION.—Sanctioned.

THE STATE OF THE NASSICK COLLECTORATE.—OFFICIAL REPORT.

From G. W. ELLIOT, Esq., Acting Collector of Nassick to the REVENUE COMMISSIONER, N. D.

Nassick Collector's Office, 15th October 1876.

Sir,—I have the honour to send for submission to the Government of India a report on the state of the Nassick Collectorate to date of this letter, as required by your endorsement No. 5196 of 15th instant, on memo. of Government in the Revenue Department, No. 5000, of 11th instant.

2. In the Yeola taluka which comprises 120 villages, having a population of 59,313 sorts, almost complete failure of the kharif crops has occurred, and there has been little or no sowing of rubbi, of grass there is next to none and water is very scarce, instead of being abundant as is usual at this time of year. The cattle have mostly been driven away to neighbourhoods where there is more grass and water. This is true of all Yeola, except of a dozen villages in the north-east corner of the taluka, separated from the rest of it by a low line of hills which have apparently attracted rain for the grass; the crops there are nearly in their normal condition.

3. In the Niphar taluka, which has 122 villages, containing a population of 86,017 souls, the kharif harvest will be rather under than over half an average crop. The villages north of the G. I. P. Railway have crops better than half average. But those south of the Railway have crops less than half average, and as the southern division of the taluka is larger than the northern, the kharif harvest may be taken on the whole to be rather under than over half an average crop. Complete failure of the kharif crops has been confined to the villages of Mannore, Bhorwas, Dalugaon, Wahegaon, Gondegaon, Gollegaon, Maralgoekhurd, Maralgoebadruk, Pachorakhurd, Pachorabadruk, towards the Yeola taluka; and Mahal Sakoca, Bhossa, Tarrokhedile, Chappargaon, Khangaon Thadi, adjoining the Sinnar taluka.

The rabi prospects of the Nephar taluka are as bad as those of Yeola taluka, or very nearly so, and in each case there will be no rabi harvest at all, if rain does not fall during this month. In 37 villages of Niphar, here and there, fields have been sold for rabi. In the balance of 85 villages no rabi has been sown at all. Some cattle have been sent away from the taluka, others will have to go, if there be no more rain, and water and grass are scarce.

4. Of the Sinnar taluka, having 103 villages with a population of 64,872 souls, Mr. Charles, the assistant in charge, writes:—"I have have now seen a great part of the south of Sinnar and the worst impressions have been fully confirmed. The rain of September 25th and 28th did not extend more than a few miles east of Sinnar (except in two villages where showers fell on the Nagar border). It is, therefore, certain that no rabi can be sown in all eastern half of the taluka.

"This of itself means the loss of ¼ of all the crops.

"Bajree is now being reaped and though nearly in every village there are some good fields with an out-turn of perhaps annas eight or nine, the great majority of all the fields are not two feet high, with the stalks yellow, and what little grain there is, small and imperfectly developed. The out-turn of these I should put at about annas four, while there are numbers of fields and parts of fields where there is no grain at all, and the stalks only a few inches high, the people are becoming very importunate. Yesterday large bodies of koonbees from six or eight village came to my tents demanding remissions, and asking what arrangements were to be made to feed them.

"I was obliged to tell them I had no authority to promise any remissions, and at this they were angry and even insolent.

"I think that it is highly desirable Government should make some distinct promise as to the revenue and then the people could either leave their crops and seek work or use them to feed cattle with. As it is they are afraid to leave their villages for fear of being called upon to pay revenue and having their occupancies sold up.

"I think from what I have seen that *no revenue at all* can be collected this year from the eastern half of Sinnar, and what I should propose is that the people should be told this as soon as possible and informed that whatever proportion of the revenue may be finally settled upon as leviable will be collected not this year but the next.

"No half measure will satisfy them, and the good effect of what I am convinced must finally be adopted (viz:—no collection this year) will be much ventralized if they are kept in suspense and irritation for months. I have now been twice over this part, (in September, and now again,) and I cannot see what good further inspections can do, unless indeed a more experienced officer can come to check any conclusions." It will therefore be seen that the kharif harvest of the Sinnar taluka is very poor, especially in the eastern part of the taluka, and if no rain falls during this month there will be no rabi harvest. Mr. Charles says:—"This of itself means the loss of ¼ of all the crop." I think he understates the calamity, but he knows the district better than I do.

5. Having described the state of things in the Yeola, Niphar and Sinnar talukas where it is worst, I must say of the rest of the collectorate that there has been an unusual shortness of rain, which I will show by a statement appended to this letter. The kharif harvest is by no means good; but rabi prospects are worse. There has not been rain enough in September to admit of the land being prepared for rabi crops; and if there be no rain during this month the rabi crops of the whole collectorate will be very short indeed. In the Chandore taluka the kharif harvest will be very irregular, as was the rainfall, which came to some villages, and did not touch others, and I hear that at least a dozen of 32 villages called the Deshi villages, which came to the Kolwan taluka from the Baglan taluka, have had very small kharif crops, and are not likely to have rabi harvest.

6. Up to the beginning of this month the nagli and rice crops of the hilly and dang country of the Igatpuri, Nassick, Dindori, Kolwan, Baglan talukas promised fairly. But now there are rumours that owing to cessation of rain since, say, the 26th of September and unusual atmospheric dryness, the grain has not ripened and if that be true Bheels and hill men about the ghauts will suffer very much. On the 15th September when I left the hills of the Kolwan taluka nagli and warree were vigorous and rains which fell on the 16th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 25th, 26th and 28th of September appear to have removed all cause for anxiety. But if the grain be not ripening very serious want among the hill men must follow. This matter having our serious attention.

7. Of remedial measures I have to report that in the middle of September, finding that a downfall of rain which occurred almost all over the collectorate on the last two days of August had not been followed by seasonable rains, I directed an expenditure of Rs. 8,176 to be made from Local Funds in the talukas of Malegaon, Baglan, Kolwan, Chandore and Nandgaon, which seems to have supplied the demand for labour there, and on the 24th September a relief work was started on the Niphar and Yeola road which has been in progress since, and there are now about 2,000 men, women and children at work there per diem on daily wages of 2 annas, 1½ anna and 1 anna each. On the 29th September another relief work was began at the Koppralla ghat for the Sinnar taluka; and by the last accounts I have had, above 2,000 men, women and children were working there at the same low rate of wages paid at the Yeola and Niphar road. Another relief work will be started, after the Dewalee, say by the 20th of this month, on a small scale on the Bhawad Bari and Vinchur road, between the Bari and the Agra road, to relieve distress which there may be in the 32 Deshi villages of Kolwan, and in the Chandore taluka.

8. There are I have shown about 4,000 men, women, and children at work on the Yeola and Niphar road, and at the Koppralla ghat. The numbers are not at this moment increasing, because the kharif harvest is being reaped. But if no rain fall between now and the end of this month, the numbers will, I think, double, and I believe that in November and further on towards the hot weather more works of relief will have to be opened. At present the Local Funds are undertaking the two relief works in progress, but if the increased necessity for work I look for occurs, the Local Funds will not be able to deal with the matter, and then, as I have represented to Government in my letters to the Revenue Commissioner N. D., Nos. 3173 and 3089 of the 9th and 10th instants some such imperial work as the contemplated railway between Munmar and Lasalgaon stations in the Nassick collectorate and Dhond in the Poona collectorate will have to be undertaken. I mention this work because it would pass through the Niphar or the Yeola talukas and be handy for the Sinnar people and also afford work for a line of country east of the Nassick collectorate, in Ahmednuggur, where I am led to believe things are worse than they are in the Niphar and Yeola talukas. Here, however, I confess, I am speaking out of my range and hearsay.

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G. W. ELLIOT,
Acting Collector of Nassick.

Contracted statement showing the rainfall in the Nassick Collectorate:—

		Yeola.	Sinnar.	Igatpuri.	Dindori.	Niphar.	Nassick.	Nandgaon.	Malegaon.	Baglan.	Kolwan.	Peint State.
During 1876.												
Sept.	Cents.	90	67	82	89	85	51	59	86	60		
	Inches.	0	10	6	6	6	1	1	7			
August.	Cents.	65	70	36	97	72	95	46	36	60		
	Inches.	5	8	34	8	3	1	3	4	23		
July.	Cents.	59	55	47	60	62	81	48	57	51		
	Inches.	9	4	5	5	3	2	6	4			
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	Inches.	1	21	11	3	2	1	2	6			
During 1875.												
Sept.	Cents.	97	97	84	98	85	85	87	96	97	93	
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	Inches.	5	5	2	4	2	3	3	8	6		
July.	Cents.	20	47	81	67	73	41	11	83	87	53	24
	Inches.	5	5	8	6	7	4	4	8	6	4	2
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NEW BOOK FOR INDIAN SPORTSMEN. *

A BOOK has recently been published in the Madras Presidency on the subjects of game and shooting in India which will be found both interesting and useful to sportsmen, and decidedly interesting, if not quite so useful, to the ordinary reader also. "Hawkeye," otherwise General R. Hamilton, is well-known in India as a keen sportsman, and to many the appearance of his name on the title page will be a sufficient warranty for the genuine good character of his book; and to others who may not have heard of the gallant General we may safely say a perusal of the volume will not disappoint, nor be found unprofitable to, any reader. It contains large stores of information as to the haunts and habits of nearly every species of large game to be found in India, with many valuable hints as to when and how to shoot them. Separate chapters are devoted to the sambur, the ibex, the Jungle sheep, the mountain antelope, the spotted deer the hog deer, the elephant, the tiger, the leopard or panther, the wild dog, bears, and snakes; and other portions of the book are occupied with pleasantly and graphically written accounts of sporting adventures. Finally, there are some thoroughly sportsmanlike observations on the future game prospects of India, in the course of which the writer forcibly urges upon the attention of Government the necessity for legislation to check the indiscriminate slaughter of every kind of game by persons whom, in contradistinction to sportsmen, he styles "shooters." He says:—"The want is not a game law in the full sense of that term, but a simple Act whereby a protection will be afforded and extinction prevented. Three points only are required to be established to meet this desirable object, viz:—fence months; the illegality to shoot game during such period; and a gun-tax or license to shoot, with certain pains and penalties for breach of the law."

* Game, by Hawkeye, *Observer* Press, Ootacamund, and Messrs. Higginbotham and Co., Madras.

SEASON REPORTS.

THE following Season Reports for the week ending 11th instant are published for general information:—

Kurrachee.—River at Kotri on 8th, 11 feet 7 inches; last year on same date 1 foot lower. Rain in Kotri taluka on 27th September. Locusts in Dadu taluka, no damage. Measles in Shahbandar taluka, 2 cases. Cattle-disease in Kurrachee and district. Fever rife. Rats doing mischief in one tapa of Mirpur Batoro, also in Shahbandar taluka.

Hyderabad.—River gradually falling. Crops damaged by rats in Guni taluka and by floods in Tando Bago and Kandiaro. Locusts in taluka Sakrand, but no damage reported. Fever general. Fifty fresh small-pox cases.

Shikarpur.—Fever throughout the district. River 3 feet 1 inch lower than last year. Locusts appeared in Sidpur taluka; no damage reported.

Upper Sind Frontier.—No change. Fever prevailing.

Ahmedabad.—Kharif harvesting commenced.

Kaira.—Bajri reaped in some places.

Broach.—Public health good. Jowari in certain villages of Ankleswar injured by worms.

Surat.—Two cholera cases in Bulsar, none fatal.

Khandesh.—Kharif crops prematurely dried up for want of moisture except in western districts bordering the Dangs; sowing of rabi has commenced in a few places. General condition of central and eastern districts very bad. Cholera in Bhusawal taluka, cases 24, fatal 3.

Nasik.—Kharif crops mostly dried up; rabi sowing hindered for want of rain. Public health good.

Tanna.—Cholera to a slight extent in Bassein taluka. Rice crops suffering for want of rain in some talukas.

Poona.—Rain very anxiously looked for; very discouraging accounts regarding kharif crop, which is dying for want of it. Public health good.

Ahmednagar.—Price of grain rising. Relief measures progressing. Cholera in five talukas, cases 51, deaths 24.

Sholapur.—Distress in the whole zillah. Slight cholera in Sholápur taluka.

Satara.—Rain urgently wanted; scarcity of pasture severely felt. Prices of grain risen high; distress among poor people. Eight deaths from cholera.

Belgaum.—Very discouraging accounts from all talukas; people leaving the northern talukas in search of food and work. Prices of grain still rising.

Dharwar.—Prospects worse in all talukas; great demands for employment; poorer classes suffering much. Price of grain rising and grain-dealers refusing to sell, pleading fear of grain riots.

Kanara.—Rice harvest continues on coast. Rain wanted above ghat.

Kaládgi.—(Report dated 10th). Kharif almost lost; rabi sowing retarded for want of sufficient rain. Prices of grain rising. Slight cholera in Indi.

Rajkot.—Weather hot. Crops and health good.

Wadhwan.—Weather indifferent in some places. Reaping of first crops commenced. Cotton good.

Baroda.—No change.

Colaba.—(Report for the week ending 9th instant). Rain much wanted throughout the district.

Ratnagiri.—(Report for the week ending 3rd instant). Want of rain keenly felt; crops withering; prospects very discouraging. Halvi crops being cut.

General Remarks.—Crops in Sind and Gujarat favourable. Fever generally prevalent throughout Sind and small-pox in Hyderabad; cholera generally decreasing. The scarcity in the Deccan and Southern Mahratta Country is increasing, especially in Ahmednagar, Sholapur, Dharwar, and Belgaum.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT.

THE petitions of the several persons hereunder named and described have been presented to the Court for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, Bombay, praying respectively for the benefit of the Act made and passed in the Eleventh Year of Victoria, Chapter XXI.:—

Charles Alexander Gonsalves, lately a clerk, now unemployed.

Jaganath Antoba Nirgudkey, clerk in the office of the examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Kanji Bhagwan and Lakhibai, widow of the late Dyal Bhagwan, the first-named insolvent, formerly a dealer in firewood, now unemployed, and the second unemployed.

Lakmidas Hansraz, merchant.

Sadu Vishnu Kokatay and Babi Bhicku Parkar, carrying on business together, under the name of Sadu Vishnu Kokatay, as milk-vendors.

Shaik Husein bin Shaik Abdula Aplekar and Shaik Mahomed bean Sadik Mahomed Hivdaday, trading together as painters.

William McGeoch, fitter in the G. I. P. Railway Company.

Sha Jagjiwandas Bhowanidas, freight broker.

Nathuram Gangaram, goldsmith.

Kerim Mahomed Bhiko, butcher.

Khatri Adamali, dyer.

Sayana Narsa and Lingu Tikaji, bricklayers.

Sha Narsidal Balkisar das, broker.

Navroji Kawasji Surti, compositor in the *Times of India* Office.

Nicolao de Chaves, English writer.

Putoba Ganoba Kirtikar, Government pensioner.

Ganu Dharma Patel and Ramji Hari Patel, carpenters.

Thakur Dangarsi Khetsi, a mehta in the employ of Mathuradas Sewji.

Dhaku Janu Ragu Patade, Dhanaji Babaji Tharkar, Suba Arjun Colegey, and Babaji Isram Patade, the first-named insolvent is a telly-man, the second and third are porters in G. I. P. Railway Company, and the fourth is a police sepoy.

Benjamin Abraham, a clerk in the office of the Police Commissioner.

Ali Mahomed Pirag, butcher.

Jamshedji Sorabji Bumla, Shapurji Sorabjee Bumla, and Kuwarji Dorabji Vesuna, formerly contractors, the first-named insolvent is now in the service of Framji Edalji, a liquor shop-keeper, and the second and third are unemployed.

Wagji Mulji, lately carried on business in the name and style of Wagji Mulji & Co., as a chemist and druggist, unemployed.

Borah Amirali Hasanali, a fireman in the employ of G. I. P. Railway Company.

Magan Ujan, lately traded as a petty contractor.

Kavasji Bomanji Mistri, a foreman in Her Majesty's Dockyard.

Mirza Mahomadali Sarafali and Farzalbhai Nanabhai, dealers in firewood.

Sewram Raghu Delway, a labourer in the G. I. P. Railway Company.

VICEREGAL DINNER TO SIR W. MUIR.

(*Pioneer.*)

ON the evening of the 7th instant, the Viceroy gave a farewell banquet at Peterhoff in honor of Sir William Muir, prior to his resignation of his office as Financial Member of Council and his departure for England to take his seat at the India Council Board. The Commander-in-Chief, the Members of Council, and many of the high officials of the Government of India, were present on the occasion. After dinner was concluded, Lord Lytton proposed Sir William Muir's health in the following speech, which His Excellency delivered amidst great enthusiasm. He said:—

Sir Frederick Haines, Ladies and Gentlemen,—I need hardly tell you that we are gathered together this evening to do honour to one who is about to leave us, and whom we are all of us sincerely sorry to lose. I dare say you may remember the old story of a prisoner, condemned on a capital charge, who interrupted the Judge, when His Lordship was about to pronounce the usual grim valediction, by saying—"I beg your pardon my Lord but really I would rather not receive that blessing for, to say the truth, I have noticed that it is always followed by a very disagreeable result." Now I cannot help feeling, on occasions like the present, that there is a bitter paradox in our relations with our friends. While they are with us, we shrink from praising them to their faces; although, perhaps, the result of such an indiscretion might not be altogether disagreeable to them. But when they are about to turn their backs on us, we cannot refrain from giving them a valedictory blessing, which is followed alas!